Delay in Audit of Accounts of PSUs

*226. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is a fact that a number of public sector undertakings have not been preparing their annual final accounts in time for submission to audit which in turn results in delay in submission of audited accounts to Government and Parliament as per the statutory requirement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some cases submission of accounts is being delayed for five years or even more;

(c) if so, which are the defaulting undertakings and reasons for default; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As on 31-3-1992 19 Central Public Sector Undertakings had not submitted their accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General till January, 1993.

(b) and (c) there is only one Central Public Sector Enterprises the Indo Hokke Hotel Ltd which has delayed submission of accounts for more than 5 years. Inadequate qualified staff and inadequate monitoring of the preparation of accounts by the management may be contributing to delay in presentation of accounts.

(d) The concerned administrative Ministries|Departments take action for expeditious preparation and audit of the accounts of the Public Sector Enterprises under their control.

कैंटीन स्टोर में सहायक प्रबंधक तथा उससे ऊपर के पद

*227. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कैंटीन स्टोर विभाग के अधिकारियों की वरिष्ठता सूची तैयार न होने के कारण सहायक प्रबंधक और उससे ऊपर के सभी पद तदर्थ आधार पर भरे जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह वरिष्ठता सूची कब तक तैयार कर ली जाएगी?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) कैंटीन भण्डार विभाग में सहायक महा प्रबंधकों और उससे उच्च कुछ पदों के लिए निम्नलिखित कारणों से पदार्थ पदोन्नतियां करनी पड़ी थी :-

(i) उप महा प्रबंधक/क्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक के पद के संशोधित भर्ती नियमों को निर्गीत करने में अधिक समय लगना;

(ii) संशोधित भर्ती नियमों के अनुसार विभागीय पदोन्नति समिति द्वारा बनाई गई पदोन्नति नामावली के विरुद्ध कर्मचारियों से अभ्यावेदन प्रस्तुत किया जाना;

(iii) सहायक महा प्रबंधकों की संशोधित ज्येष्ठता सूची के विरुद्ध केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण द्वारा "स्थगन आदेश" जारी किया जाना।

केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण में दायर किए गए मामलों पर फैसला हो जाने के बाद ही इस संबंध में आगे की कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

New Science and Technology Policy

*228. SYED SIBTEY RAZI.
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new Science and Technology Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) An exercise has been undertaken to formulate an approach towards a new draft on technology policy in the context of various changes introduced in the economic system of the country. A process of consultation has also begun. A draft paper for a new technology policy has been placed before the Science and Technology Committee of Parliament for their views, before finalising the same.

The draft paper includes section on technology and society; technology and environment; human skills; thrust areas; role of research; development and engineering (R&DE); resources for R&DE; linkages; policy implementation; and monitoring and review.

Joint venture by HMT in Dubai

*229. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HMT (International) Ltd., the export subsidiary of the HMT Ltd., is setting up a foundary in Dubai in a joint venture; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) HMT (International) Limited have proposed participation in a joint venture project in Dubai, UAE for setting up an Alloy Steel Foundry in association with M|s. Sri Ramakrishna Steels Industries Limited (SRSI), Coimbatore and M|s. Easa Saleh Al Gurg, Dubai. The Capital cost of the project is 15.055 million Dirhams. The share of the three partners in the equity of the project is to be 7 percent for HMT (I). 33 per cent for SRSI and 60 per cent for M|s. Al Gurg.

Import of paper

*230. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the projected demand of writing and printing papers in the country by the year 2000;

(b) what is the cost of all kinds of papers imported in 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) what is the annual production of paper in the country and what is the capacity of paper manufacturing units remaining unutilised together with the reasons thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken to increase domestic production and allowing import of all kinds of papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The projected demand of paper and paper board in the country by the year 2000 AD is estimated at about 28.35 lakh tonnes.